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THE MARINE'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith, if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer. Amen

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PREFACE

This pocket-size Devotional Field Book (DFB) is a resource for Command Religious Programs (CRP) in the Fleet Marine Forces (FMF). In addition to being a personal devotional guide for Marines and Sailors, it may be used in conducting divine services or lay led services. This book has been designed primarily to support those FMF operations where limited printed resources are available for the CRP.

The scriptures, prayers, hymns and songs, statements of faith and meditations contained in this book were carefully chosen by chaplains, Marines and Sailors. These selections have historically offered guidance, encouragement and support to people in time of need. This book is dedicated to the hope that it will lead others to the inexhaustible resources of God.

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EXODUS 20

And God spoke all these words, saying,

- 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
 - 3 "You shall have no other gods before me.
- 4 "You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments
- 7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
- 8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; 11 for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.
- 12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you.
 - 13 "You shall not kill.
 - 14 "You shall not commit adultery.
 - 15 "You shall not steal.
 - 16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's."

DEUTERONOMY 10

12"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the commandments and statues of the LORD, which I command you this day for your good? 14 Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it; 15 yet the LORD set his heart in love upon your fathers and chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as at this day, 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. 17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and LORD of lords, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. 18 He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. 19 Love the sojourner therefore; for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. 20 You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve him and cleave to him, and by his name you shall swear. 21 He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and terrible things which your eyes have seen. 22 Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of heaven for multitude

JOSHUA 1

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

PROVERBS 3

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.

6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

- Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;

- 2 he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters
- 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

PSALM 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein:

- 2 for he has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully.
- 5 He will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of his salvation
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

- 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
- 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God will help her right early.
- 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has wrought desolations in the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, he burns the chariots with fire!
- 10 "Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

- He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
- 3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;
- 4 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- 5 You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
- 6 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand; but it will not come near you.
- 8 You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your habitation.
- 10 no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
- 11 For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways.
- 12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
- 14 Because he cleaves to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.
- 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will rescue him and honor him.
- 16 With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

- Makea joyful noise to the LORD, all the lands!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- 3 Know that the LORD is God! It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!
- 5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

PSALM 121

- I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- 8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

PSALM 130

Out of the depths I cry to thee, O LORD!

- 2 Lord, hear my voice! Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
- 3 If thou, O LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.
- 5 1 wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

- 6 my soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption.
- 8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

- O LORD, thou hast searched me and known me!
- 2 Thou knowest when I sit down and when I rise up; thou discernest my thoughts from afar.
- 3 Thou searches out my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.
- 5 Thou dost beset me behind and before, and layest thy hand upon me
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.
- 7 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, thou art there! If I make my bed in Sheol, thou art there!
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea.
- 10 even there thy hand shall lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

- Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his exceeding greatness!
- 3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
- 5 Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

MATTHEW 5

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth end taught them, saying:

- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shell be satisfied.
- 7 11Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

JOHN 3

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. 18 He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

JOHN 14

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And when I go

and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me."

ROMANS 8

31 What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son hut gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies: 34 who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

ROMANS 12

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Never flag in zeal, he aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 CORINTHIANS 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; 5 it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; 10 but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. 13 So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 CORINTHIANS 15

12 Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; 14 if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. 17 If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitted.

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die. so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

EPHESIANS 6

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15 and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; 16 besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, . . .

PHILIPPIANS 4

5 Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. 6 Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

10 I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me; you were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I complain of want; for 1 have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content. 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. 13 I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

1 JOHN 3

14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. 15 Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

GENERAL PRAYERS

1. The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtor; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*) (RSV)

2. My Morning Offering

O God, for another day, for another morning, for another minute, for another chance to live and serve you, I am truly grateful.

Do you this day free me
from all fear of the future,
from all anxiety about tomorrow,
from all bitterness towards anyone,
from all cowardice in the face of danger,
from all laziness in the face of work,
from all failure before opportunity,
from all weakness when Your power is at hand.

But fill me

with Love that knows no barrier, with Sympathy that reaches all, with Courage that cannot be shaken, with Faith strong enough for the darkness, with Strength sufficient for my tasks, with Loyalty to Your Kingdom's goal, with Wisdom to meet Life's complexities with Power to lift me to You.

Be with me for another day, and use me as you will. Amen.

* Protestant

3. St. Richard's Prayer

O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother,

May I know thee more clearly,

May I love thee more dearly,

May I follow thee more nearly. Amen.

4. For Faith in Trial

Help me, O Lord, to refuse to give up my faith in Thee when I encounter life's difficult problems. Make me realize that just as the darkness of the night gives way to a bright, sunny morning, I may refuse to give up the struggle until the joy of victory dawns in my heart. Amen.

5. Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

6. Prior to a Mission

O God, as we prepare to embark on this mission, we ask your presence to be made known to us anew! Give us wisdom in our decisions, common sense in our actions, discretion in our communications and openness in our attitude as we work together for the freedom of mankind. May your protective arm rest upon the shoulder of each Marine and Sailor in this operation and return us all safely home. Amen.

7. For Team Spirit

God, our Father, give us all a sense of cooperation. Help us realize that we can't exist alone. Leaders need men and men need leaders. Make us sense our basic unity of purpose. Help us see that individual welfare is intimately tied to the welfare of the whole group, and that the whole group depends upon the well-being of the individual. Help us see this and above all help us to live out this insight. Amen.

8. Self-Dedication

Almighty God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen. (LBW)

9. For Those In Our Country's Service In Time Of War

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, let thy protection be upon all those who are in the service of our country; guard them from all harm and danger of body and soul; sustain and comfort those at home, especially in their hours of loneliness, anxiety, and sorrow; prepare the dying for death and the living for thy service; give success to our arms on land and sea and in the air; and grant unto us and all nations a speedy, just and lasting peace. Amen. (LSBH)

JEWISH PRAYERS

BARCHU ET ADONOI HAM'VORACH.

Praise the Lord, to whom our praise is due.

BARUCH ADONOI HAMVORACH L'OLAM VA'ED.

Praised be the Lord, to whom our praise is due, now and forever.

SHEMA YISRAEL ADONOI ELOYEHNU ADONOI EHAD. Hear, O'Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is One.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thy heart. Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thy house, when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thy house and upon thy gates.

2. Morning Prayers

I give thanks unto thee, O live and ever enduring King, because Thou hast mercifully restored my soul unto me; great is Thy faithfulness.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe. Thou hast sanctified us with Thy commandments and hast set upon us the ordinance of wearing fringes.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us with Thy precepts and commanded us to occupy ourselves with the study of the Torah.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who hast chosen us from among all peoples by giving us Thy Torah. Blessed are Thou, O Lord, Giver of the Torah.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has provided all my needs.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who removest sleep from mine eyes and slumber from mine eyelids.

O my God, the soul with which Thou didst endow me is pure. Thou didst create it and fashion it; Thou didst breathe it into me and Thou preservest it within me. Thou wilt reclaim it from me, but Thou wilt restore it to me in the life to come. So long as the breath of life is within me, I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord my God, and God of my fathers. Master of ail works, Lord of all souls. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who dost restore the soul to the dead.

3. Evening Prayers

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe. Thou weighest down my eyes with the bonds of sleep, my eyelids with slumber. Lord my God, God of my fathers, may it be Thy will to lay me down in peace, and to raise me up again to peaceful life. May evil thoughts, disturbing dreams and base imaginings not trouble me, but grant that my couch be serene before Thee. Lighten my eyes again that I sleep not the sleep of death, for Thou givest light to the apple of my eye. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, whose glory gives light to the whole universe.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains: from whence shall my help come? My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel doth neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall keep thee from all evil; He shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall guard thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth and for ever.

4. Confession for the Critically Ill

Lord, my God, God of my fathers, before Thee I confess that in Thy hand alone rests my healing or my death. If it be Thy will, grant me a perfect healing. Yet if my death be fully determined by Thee, I will in love accept it at Thy hand. Then may my death be an atonement for all sins and transgressions, and for all the wrong which I have committed before Thee. Grant me of the abounding happiness that is the destiny of the righteous. Make me to know the path of life, the fullness of joy in Thy presence, at Thy right hand bliss evermore

Thou who are the father of the fatherless and judge of the widow, protect my beloved family whose souls are bound with mine. Into Thy hand I commend my spirit, Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth. Amen, and Amen!

When the end is approaching: The Lord is King, the Lord was King, the Lord shall be king for ever and ever. (Said three times.)

Blessed be His name and glorious sovereignty for ever and ever. (Said three times.)

The Lord He is God. (Said seven times.)

SH'MA YIS-RO-EL A-DO-NOY E-LO-HAY-NU A-DO-NOY E-CHOD Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God the Lord is One.

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRAYERS

1. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

2. The Rosary

The Joyful Mysteries

- 1. The messenger of God announces to Mary that she is to be the Mother of God. (Humility)
- 2. Mary visits and helps her cousin Elizabeth. (Love of Neighbor)
- 3. Mary gives birth to Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem. (Spirit of Poverty)
 - 4. Jesus is presented in the Temple. (Obedience to God's Will)
 - 5. Jesus is found in the Temple. (Fidelity to Vocation)

The Sorrowful Mysteries

- 1. Jesus undergoes his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. (Spirit of Prayer)
 - 2. Jesus is scorched at the pillar. (Modesty and Purity)
 - 3. Jesus is crowned with thorns. (Courage)
 - 4. Jesus carries the cross to Calvary. (Patience in Suffering)
 - 5. Jesus dies on the cross for our sins. (Self-Denial)

The Glorious Mysteries

- 1. Jesus rises from the dead. (Faith)
- 2. Jesus ascends into heaven. (Hope)
- 3. The Holy Spirit comes to the apostles and the Blessed Mother. (Wisdom, Love, Zeal, Fortitude)
- 4. The Mother of Jesus is taken into heaven. (Eternal Happiness)
- 5. Mary is crowned queen of heaven and earth. (Devotion to Mary and Final Perseverance)

3. Stations of the Cross

(At each Station, contemplate the scene and pray a brief, heartfelt prayer.)

- 1. Jesus is condemned to death on the cross. (Mark 14:61-64)
- 2. Jesus accepts his cross. (John 19:14-17)
- 3. Jesus falls the first time. (John 15:18-20)
- 4. Jesus meets his sorrowful Mother. (John 19:25-27)
- 5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry his cross. (Mark 15:20-22)
 - 6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. (Mathew 25:37-40)
 - 7. Jesus falls the second time. (Isaiah 53:4-6)
- 8. Jesus meets and speaks to the women of Jerusalem. (Luke 23:27-28)
 - 9. Jesus falls the third time. (Psalm 118:25-28)
 - 10. Jesus is stripped of his garments. (Matthew 27:34-35)
 - 11. Jesus is nailed to the cross. (Luke 23:33-34)
 - 12. Jesus dies on the cross. (Luke 23:44-46)
- 13. Jesus is taken down from the cross and laid in his mother's arms. (John 19:33-37)
 - 14. Jesus is placed in the tomb. (Matthew 27:59-60)
 - 15. Jesus rises from the dead. (Mark 16:1-6)

4. Evening Prayer

O God of all love, when will we truly believe that you do love us beyond our understanding? Each day tells it to the other as each offers us Your precious gifts. Each night would speak it anew to us as You give us rest and renewal. But the greatest witness to Your love we hear constantly from Your Word. There You tell us that Your Son shed His blood for us that we might be cleansed from all our sin. Now we can call you "Father". Now we can stand before You in the purity of Christ's righteousness and in the certainty of being Your children. Let Your love in Christ be the power of our lives and the joys of all our days. We thank You that we can lie down in peace and entrust ourselves to Your never-failing love. We rest in Jesus' name. Amen.

5. Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins because of your just punishments, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more, and to avoid the near occasions of sin.

6. Christopher Prayer

Father, grant that I might be a bearer of Christ Jesus, your Son. Allow me to warm the often cold, impersonal scene of modern life with your burning love. Strengthen me by your Holy Spirit to carry out my MISSION of changing the world, or some definite part of it for the better. Despite my lamentable failures, bring home to me that my advantages are your blessings to be shared with others.

Make me more energetic in setting right what I find wrong with the world, instead of complaining about it. Nourish in me a practical desire to build up, rather than to tear down, to reconcile instead of polarize, to go out on a 11mb rather than crave security. Never let me forget that IT IS FAR BETTER TO LIGHT ONE CANDLE THAN TO CURSE THE DARKNESS, and to join my light, one day, with yours. Amen.

ORTHODOX PRAYERS

- O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth who art everywhere and fillest all things. Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life: Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.
- 2. O most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins. O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy names sake.

PROTESTANT PRAYERS

1. Prayer of Petition

Lord, be thou within us, to strengthen us; without us, to keep us; above us, to protect us; beneath us, to uphold us; before us, to direct us; behind us, to keep us from straying; round about us, to defend us.

2. Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy heat promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto thee; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3. For the Marine Corps

O Eternal Father, we commend to your protection and care the members of the Marine Corps. Guide and direct them in the defense of our country and in the maintenance of justice among nations. Protect them in the hour of danger. Grant that wherever they serve they may be loyal to their high traditions and that at all times they may put their trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

4. For a Day of Battle

Heavenly Father, on a day of battle I commit myself body and soul to your keeping. When I am in peril of life, give me courage to do my duty. When I am tempted to sin, give me strength to resist. If I am sick or wounded, grant me healing. If I fall, of your mercy receive me to yourself, forgiving me all my sins. Bless all who are near and dear to me and keep them in your fatherly care. And in your good providence, out of this evil bring a lasting peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

5. A Prayer for the Wounded

O Lord we pray you to have mercy upon all who are this day wounded and suffering. Though family and friends be far away, let your grace be their comfort. Raise them to health again, if it be your good pleasure; but chiefly give them patience and faith in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Loved Ones

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love for this life and the life to come; Knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

7. For Evening

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

8. Prayer for Loyalty to Christ

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, we pray thee suffer us not to stray from thee, who art the Way, nor to distrust thee, who art the Truth, nor to rest in any other thing than thee, who art the Life. Teach us by thy Holy Spirit what to believe, what to do, and wherein to take our rest. For thine own name's sake we ask it. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!



O God, Our Help in Ages Past



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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



Holy God, We Praise Your Name



Now Thank We All Our God



He's Got the Whole World in His Hands



Silent Night! Holy Night



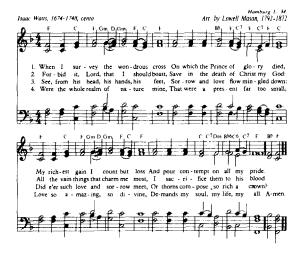
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing



Go, Tell It on the Mountain



When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



The Old Rugged Cross



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Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



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Hail, Holy Queen, Enthroned Above



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Immaculate Mary, Your Praises We Sing



Let Us Break Bread Together



Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound



What a Friend We Have in Jesus



What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine



Swing Low, Sweet Chariot



Onward Christian Soldiers



Ah-dohn Oh-lom A-sher Mo-lahch



Ayn Kay-loh-hay-noo



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Yig-dahl E-loh-heem Chahi



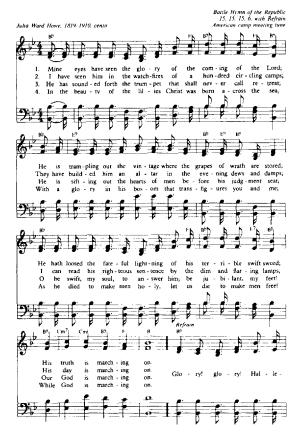
- Loh yahchahleef hoayl v'loh yohmeer dosoh, l'ohlomeem l'zoolosoh;
 Tzohfe v'yohdayah s'soraynoo, mahbeet l'sohf dovor b'kahdmosoh.
- Gohmayl l'eesh chesed k'mifoloh, nohsayn l'rosho rah k'rishosoh.
 Yishlahch l'kaytz yomeen m'sheechaynoo, lifdos m'chahkay kaytz y'shooosoh.
- Mayseem y'chahye ayl, b'rohv chahsdoh borooch ahday ahd shaym t'hilosoh.
 Mayseem y'chahye ayl, b'rohv chahsdoh borooch ahday ahd shaym t'hilosoh.

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O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



Mine Eves Have Seen the Glory



Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (cont.)



Eternal Father, Strong to Save



MARINE CORPS' VERSE

Eternal Father, grant, we pray, To all Marines, both night and day, The courage, honor, strength, and skill, Their land to serve, Thy law fulfill; Be thou the shield forevermore, From every peril to the Corps.

J. E. Seim

STATEMENTS OF FAITH

CHRISTIAN

The Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He decended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake ha was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

JEWISH

I am a Jew because the faith of Israel demands no abdication of my mind. I am a Jew because the faith of Israel asks every possible sacrifice of my soul. I am a Jew because in all places where there are tears and suffering the Jew weeps. I am a Jew because in every age when the cry of despair is heard the Jew hopes. I am a Jew because the message of Israel is the most ancient and the most modern. I am a Jew because Israel's promise is a universal promise. I am a Jew because for Israel the world is not finished; men will complete it. I am a Jew because for Israel man is not yet fully created; men are creating him. I am a Jew because Israel places man and his unity above nations and above Israel itself. I am a Jew because above man, image of the divine unity, Israel places the unity which is divine.

Edmund Fleg

MEDITATIONS

These meditative thoughts are offered for consideration in your devotional life. It is recommended that you read them prayerfully, asking God to assist you in understanding the spiritual truths they contain. As you read these meditations think about how they can be applied to your life. Finally, ask God to help you in allowing these truths to become part of your life.

O Lord, Thou knowest how busy I must be this day. If I forget Thee, do not Thou forget me. Sir Jacob Astley

Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

Abraham Lincoln

Courage is the power to let go of the familiar.

Anonymous

We only think when we are confronted with a problem.

John Dewey

It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare to attempt them, but they are difficult because we do not dare to do so.

Seneca

The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts us. William James

All that is essential for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing. Edmund Burke

One man can make a difference -- every man should try.

John F. Kennedy

Too often we expect people to hear what we mean, not what we say.

Anonymous

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.

1 believe in love even when not feeling it.

I believe in God even when He is silent.

(Inscription in a Cologne cellar where Jews hid in time of persecution.)

O God our Father let us not be content to wait and see what will happen. Give us the determination to make the right things happen.

Peter Marshall

He that is good for making excuses, is seldom good for anything else.

An ounce of fact means more than a ton of argument.

M. Vanhee

Forgetfulness is a virtue only when you forget the grievances you have against other people.

Anonymous

One asks, what will happen to me? Another, what is right? And this is the difference between the slave and the free man.

Bonhoeffer

God gave us imaginations to compensate for what we aren't and a sense of humor to console us for what we are.

Anonymous

Live with men as if God saw you; converse with God as if men heard you. Seneca

Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

John Wesley

A bad habit is first a caller, then a guest, and at last a master.

Hatred is like an acid; it can do more damage to the container in which it is stored that to the object on which it is poured.

Ann Landers

Home is the definition of what I am and who I am.

Anonymous

There is no end to the good which one can do if he does not care who gets the credit.

Anonymous

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.

Thomas A. Kempis

He who cannot laugh at himself appears ridiculous.

Dr. Harry T. McGehee

The trouble with most people these days is that they want to reach the Promised Land without going through the wilderness.

Anonymous

No man is free until he's free from the fear of death.

Martin Luther King

I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Stephen Greenlet

The longest journey is the journey inward.

Dag Hammerskjold

After crosses and losses men grow humbler and wiser.
Franklin

The secret of life is not to do what one likes, but to try to like what one has to do.

Dinah M. Craik

Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.

Phillips Brooks

Life is like an onion, you peel off one layer at a time and sometimes you weep. Carl Sandburg

The block of granite which was an obstacle in the pathway of the weak becomes a stepping stone in the pathway of the strong.

Carlyle

Lives are made of chapters; after one is written it cannot be revised, but we can write a new chapter with each new day.

Phillips Brooks

Life is like a camel. You can make it do anything except back up.

Anonymous

A person does not find life worth living; he makes life worth living.

Anonymous

Life, if you know how to use it, is long enough.

Seneca

Only those who learn how to live with loneliness can come to know themselves and life. Carl Sandburg

Love is not blind -- it sees more, not less. But because it sees more, it is willing to see less.

Rabbi Julius Cordon

One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man.

Anonymous

You can't hold a man down without staying down with him. Booker T. Washington

The way we treat our fellow man is the way we treat God.

To act coolly, intelligently, and prudently in perilous circumstance is the test of a man and also a nation.

Adlai Stevenson

One of the biggest mistakes most of us make is to fear that we will make one.

Anonymous

Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you. St. Augustine

I am but one, but I am one; I cannot do much, but I can do something; which I can do I ought to do; and what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Francis Willard

It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities.

Josiah Stamp

There are only two kinds of men; the righteous who believe themselves sinners; the rest sinners, who believe themselves righteous.

Blaise Pascal

Why were the Saints, Saints? Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful, patient when it was difficult to be patient; and because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still, and kept silent when they wanted to talk, and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was all. It was quite simple and always will be.

Anonymous

One thing I know, the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.

Albert Schweitzer

Well timed silence hath more eloquence than speech.

Anonymous

O Lord help my words to be gracious and tender today, for tomorrow I may have to eat them.

Anonymous

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

Booker T. Washington

We often regret our speech but seldom our silence.

Anonymous

We live in the present, we dream of the future, but we learn from eternal truths from the past.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek

I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure -- try to please everybody!

Anonymous

The man who does not habitually worship is but a pair of spectacles behind which there is no eye.

Thomas Carlyle

You can't find many success rules that'll work unless you do.

Anonymous

When faced with a mountain, I WILL NOT QUIT! I will keep on striving until I climb over, find a pass through, tunnel underneath, or simply stay and turn the mountain into a gold mine with God's help.

Anonymous

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PRAYERS IN TIME OF NEED

JEWISH

O Lord, my God and God of my fathers, my destiny is in Thy hands. If it be Thy will, grant me speedy healing of my wounds. But, if not, I shall, with complete trust in Thy wisdom and love, accept whatever may be in store for me. O give me the power to understand that only with Thee is perfect knowledge and that only through Thee does one find boundless happiness and eternal peace. Most sincerely and humbly do I acknowledge my faith in Thee:

Shema Yisroayl Adonoy Elohaynu Adonoy Echod! Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God the Lord is one!

PROTESTANT

Heavenly Father, I do heartily confess unto Thee all my sins, and I truly repent. I promise to serve Thee with my whole heart. I give my life to Thee and pray that Thou wilt forgive all my sins and purify my soul from all evil. Grant me Thy salvation because I believe in Thee and Thy holy promise that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Amen.

CATHOLIC

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell, but most of all because they have offended Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.